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North Dakota Department of Health Announces WIC Infant Formula Contract

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health announced today that it has extended a contract with Nestle Carnation to supply infant formula for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, also known as the WIC Program. Nestle will continue to be the sole provider of formula for North Dakota WIC infants unless there is a medical concern.

The two-year contract for *Good Start Supreme with DHA and ARA* and *Good Start Supreme Soy DHA and ARA* formulas goes into effect July 1, 2005. Under the new contract, the DHA/ARA-enhanced products will be available to all WIC infants, not just premature infants as with the previous contract.

WIC federal regulations require competitive bidding for infant formula rebates.

The North Dakota WIC Program currently serves nearly 13,500 clients each month, including 3,200 infants. The program provides nutritious foods and nutrition counseling to middle- and low-income pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women; infants; and children up to age 5. Program participants receive monthly WIC food checks for items such as milk, juice, cereal, eggs, peanut butter and infant formula.

Anyone interested in applying for WIC Program benefits can call his or her local WIC office or the Department of Health toll free at 800.472.2286.

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